

the institution in terms of the various pronouncements of the Supreme Court of India.

Schemes for SC, ST and OBC students

627. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the schemes for SC, ST and OBC, students in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) the allocation made and utilized each year for each category;

(d) whether there is a demand from States that scholarships should be increased to suit the present living conditions; and

(e) if so, the action taken, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Most of the schemes of this Ministry are general in nature aimed at benefiting all sections of the society including SCs, STs and OBCs. However, almost all schemes benefit SC, ST and OBC students in all States/UTs. The schemes with a special focus on the first two or all three of these groups, the total allocation and utilization of funds under these schemes during the last 3 years are as follows:

(Rupees in Crore)

Scheme	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Allocation	Utilization	Allocation	Utilization	Allocation	Utilization
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(i) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	2698.38	3053.91*	5113.14	6591.15*	7517.71	9985.17*
(ii) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas	Scheme was launched in 2004-05		92.57	N.A.	223.63	N.A.
(iii) Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas	569.56	554.68	588.66	587.22	721.85	730.20

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(iv) Remedial Coaching for SC and ST students	0.40	0.50	5.00	3.70	12.02	8.03
(v) Coaching classes for Entry in services	0.50	—	3.00	1.02	1.88	3.59
(vi) Coaching for NET for ST/ST students	—	—	2.00	1.28	1.24	1.05

* Includes unspent balance & State share released.

Besides above, Kendriya Vidyalays and all Centrally funded institutions have provisions for reservation for SCs & STs to the extent of 15% and 7.5% respectively for which admission norms are also relaxed to ensure fulfilment of reservation.

Therefore, benefits and expenditure flow to SC and ST students proportionate to the actual enrolment under these schemes. Other benefits are: relaxed norms for opening primary/middle schools in area inhabited by SCs and STs, freeships/scholarship/fellowships, uniforms, stationery, school bags, relaxation in cut-off marks for certain disadvantaged groups, preparation of text books in tribal languages, etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Low morale of B.Sc. students

628. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the science academicians feel that the low morale of B.Sc. students is a working feature of the higher education scenario;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of college students pursuing B.Sc. degrees are left out and discarded by the system; and

(c) if so, the corrective action taken by Government in this regard?